

20th Kingdom Year,
Spring

Lowest floors of the
Labyrinth of the Ancients

Lonemanga &
Hyakkimaru
do not know

Move it
carefully...

and a particle of
the Kingdom ruins
was by itself

Abide in the Wind



Episode • Straubin

Story • Art

Shin Wool



The Republic City's name is just for show, because they still abide by the empire's rules



When United Republic declared their independence,

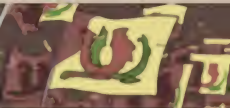
everyone expected them to sail like all the other nations

United Polished the First, the first flag of the newly established Kingdom. Cartmidge discovered the 'Lily of the Ancients'.



Everyone thought they were crazy

After a decade of fighting in the War of Independence,



Kingdom Cartmidge finally drove back the evil empire

This land is vast
and prosperous.

With the Imagi's help
and Alroom slaves, we
had plenty of labourers.

The kingdom seemed
to have a bright future...

Lonemanga &
Hyankinaka
do not survive



until the king
fell ill—

without an official
heir present to
take his place.



10th Kingdom Year
Near Hollan



Hast!

Brother!
Congratulations
on receiving your
title!



West Scriabin, 34

Oh my... It's
hard to believe that
you were in a war
for ten years.





Oh, right. Glad
to see you happily
married.



Uwahaha, you should
get married and have
a family as well,
brother!

I need to get
the king married
off first

I heard
he fell ill.

It wasn't anything
big. He got better
immediately.

His needs are
tiny and soon.

Our family has
never before
known, as we
should be free.

Yes, come and
greet your uncle

I was young





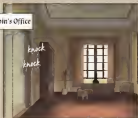
I had the ambition
of creating the greatest
kingdom in the world

I have my
cute nephews,
so it should be
fine.

25th Kingdom Year
Crown-Bischof Palace



Count Straubin's Office





Nes Stroubin, 28



That was
fifteen years
ago.



I guess the rumors are true.

Lonemanga &
Huskiya
DO NOT INFER



West Straubin, 47

The king's retainers are gifted with eternal youth from the gods.

What do you mean, "god"?

I know we're in a freely-religious kingdom, but this isn't the Empire.

You shouldn't say something like that, as Straubin.





That's what the rumors say.



Contractors obtain a superhuman body, so we're assuming that my youth is just one of the benefits.

I still don't know the exact cause, though.



Come to think of it, why are you wearing an academy professor's robe?

Yes, well... They were lacking staff, so I volunteered.

Hmm...



29th Kingdom Year

My brother died

They say he choked
to death while eating

He's always loved
eating, so he must have
died rather happily...



West Straubin, 56



So Count



Now

West Straubin, 57

Congratulations
on having your...
second child?

It's our third.

Oh, is
that so...

Thanks to you,
the princes have been
growing well.

*Lawemanga &
Higashimura
OH NOT AGAIN*

Both of them are
very smart, so teaching
them feels gratifying.

I'll have to keep
studying so that I
don't fall behind.



Rather than
that, you should worry
about your health. There
seems to be a disease
spreading again.

The king hasn't
been all that well,
and shows no signs
of recovery...

My father always
worried about you
living a solitary life.



Lanemanga &
Hakoban
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Yes. They've been quite popular.

In the dark corners of the kingdom, above the wall..

you can hear someone quietly whispering to you.

It sound like a female,
but at the same time, like
a beast, too.



It must be the
sound of the wind.

There's no reason
to believe such lies.



Haha...

Come to think of
it, the king's health
has been declining, so
I'm thinking about
changing his doctor.



West Straubin, 40

The Count
always worries
for the king.



You always talk
about him when
you're with me.

Nes Straubin, 41



It's my job.



For the
responsibility to be
breaking the link
round for breaking

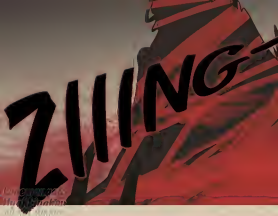
Lonemanga
Hyakkinghy
editions

Huh?

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What's this?





Even if you don't
do this, the family
head is already
yours...



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Lone man's
Hyakku
DO NOTHING

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G!!



B
A
N
G!!

That was really the
big stuff!!

The sound of cannons ...

and soldiers ...

It can't be...

The feeling of war ...

WAAAAH



Love Mappa
Hōkkyōkō
00 000 00000





How long...

were you planning
on staying in that
position, when you do
not grow old?

You monster...



The kingdom
needs a new wind.

The prince
and aunt,
so don't worry
and pass on.

Former Count
Straube.

**The king is
in danger!**

Idk, idk... I can't
believe you couldn't
dodge a bullet...

Lonely Angel
Hyak
2013.07.28



I guess there's nothing
you can do about Mirajel
Boss Person huh...



...Tasha...





Kingdom Earthside
The Marquess and leader
of the family
Tashia Rochard



Drink this, since you
need immediate attention.

The poison will
dissipate with time,
but this will help with
the bullet wound.

The king... The
king is in danger.

Raiden went over
there already.



Did you bring out
a test subject...?

Yes, I've finished
experimenting, so
disposing of him is
a bit wasteful.

Not only that, it
listens to me well.

so I've thought
about making it
my heir.

It's better to have
a grandchild at
this age, though.





'Was he your nephew?'



No...

Just a traitor.





If the king is healthy, the kingdom is healthy.

That is my absolute belief.

I hear the king's health
is declining again.

I haven't seen him
in any of the official
meetings, either.

Didn't he
collapse during
the last one?

He's having
trouble choosing an
heir as well...

Come to think of it,
wasn't there screaming
in the basement...

Do you think the
rumors are true?

That they're using
humans to keep the
king healthy...

Lone Star &
Huey
DO NOT MESS

The king is an existence
far greater than a contractor.

He is a special existence.

But some time ago, his
"power" turned black...

and the king's health declined long ago.

In order to find a new
"power", we've created
many subjects, but every
one of them failed



Even if they survived,
they did not reach our
expectations.
Nevertheless, Tashia
seemed happy enough

We need an heir,

but we can't give
him too much power

Prince Lorian is still young
so I let him have that I'll
have his power

The new queen will be
from a fallen noble family





The king started
getting sick...



when he decided
to marry his first
queen

Although the king did not want to do so,
I coerced him into marrying her.

Yes. Before that, there were no problems.

*Lin & manjiki
Hinatakyakou
DO NOT MIRROR*



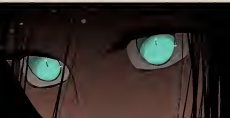


Could it be...



No, that's impossible.

"That" doesn't have emotions.



I did not make the wrong decisions.

I did it for the kingdom...





Count Straubin (1975.1.17-1970.5.17)

He was in the empire for his scientific achievements. However, due to a false claim, he had to escape to the New Continent. Soon afterwards, he made a house in Hollan with his family.

At the time, the children of the family consisted of two boys and one girl.

When he was young, he was riddled with disease. He heard from his doctors that he would not survive long enough to reach adulthood, but his health was restored after he became a contractor.

He was eighteen, and during his escape, he met Pabel the First. Before long, he began to serve him as the king's aide and started creating connections to influential people.

He was deeply involved with the kingdom and its success, and was considered to be one of the greater assets.

He alone took three titles of a Count. Prior to the first and second princes' revolt, he was taking care of twenty-seven cities at the time.

He was the one who established the Rheom Slavery, and the Media Speech Law.

He has lived alone for his whole life, sacrificing all for the kingdom.

Soon after his death, Kingdom Earthside faced a far greater number of accidents, eventually falling into chaos... There are many documents that suggest that history would've been different, had Count Straubin been alive.

:: Empire History Book - On the Subject of Historical Figures. (Page 117.)



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We'll have a two-week break and see you again on
21st March with Episode 4, "Tutoring". Thank you! ¹⁰



10 We're currently holding an event at the fun cafe.

P.S. This was translated for those who were curious. These dates and events have long gone.